

COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mr. Milton Farley, District No. 1

Members: Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, District No. 2
Mr. William E. Crosby, District No. 3
Mr. Charles E. Davis, District No. 4
Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, District No. 5
Mrs. Judy C. Mims, District No. 6
Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr. District No. 7
Mr. Henry L. Richardson, District No. 8
Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex officio

The COMMITTEE ON JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, met on Monday, March 18, 2002, in the Assembly Room of the Berkeley County Office Building, 223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 6:05 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Milton Farley, Council Member District No. 1, Chairman; Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, Council Member District No 2; Mr. William E. Crosby, Council Member District No. 3; Mr. Charles E. Davis, Council Member District No. 4; Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, Council Member District No. 5; Mrs. Judy C. Mims, Council Member District No. 6; Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council Member District No. 7; Mr. Henry L. Richardson, Jr., Council Member District No. 8; Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex officio; Mr. D. Mark Stokes, County Attorney and Ms. Barbara B. Austin, Clerk of County Council.

The requirements of the Freedom of Information Act have been complied with by posting the time, date, place and copy of Agenda of this Committee meeting of Berkeley County Council at the entrance to the Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, and a copy of such notice was mailed to all Council Members, the News media, and all Citizens.

Chairman Farley called the meeting to order and asked the Committee's pleasure on the approval of minutes for the Committee on Justice and Public Safety meeting held on February 11, 2002.

It was moved by Councilmember Crosby and seconded by Councilmember Mims to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

H. Wayne DeWitt, Berkeley County Sheriff, Re: Additional Funding for two positions.

Sheriff DeWitt referred to a letter from the County Attorney addressing courtroom security sent down by South Carolina Core Administration from Chief Justice Jean Toll. The

order states County Governing Authority should provide courtroom security during each term of Family Court. County Governing Authority shall provide equipment and/or personal to provide reasonable physical screening of all individuals entering a courtroom. Judge Danny Pieper issued an additional order stating that all courtroom doors are to be secured with the exception for one, which will be used to enter and exit the courtroom. The department was not budged for the two (2) additional positions that these orders will require. The additional funds needed to for these two (2) positions for the remainder of this fiscal year is \$15,134.05.

Councilmember Pinckney asked if these two (2) positions would be used exclusively for securing the courtroom?

Sheriff DeWitt indicated they would be there exclusively during courtroom hours.

It was moved by Councilmember Richardson and seconded by Councilmember Spooner to approve additional funds for the Sheriff's Department to fund two (2) additional positions in the amount of \$15,134.05, to come from contingency. The motion was passed by the unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

H. Wayne DeWitt, Berkeley County Sheriff, Re: Transfer of funds within Department.

Sheriff DeWitt asked for a transfer of \$5,811.45 from the insurance proceeds line item 42101-4367 into Capital 42106. To purchase a vehicle to replace one that was totaled. The cost of the replacement vehicle plus equipment is \$21,168 minus insurance payment.

It was moved by Councilmember Crosby and seconded by Councilmember Pinckney to approve the transfer of funds in the amount of \$5,811.45. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

It was moved by Councilmember Crosby and seconded by Councilmember Vaughn to adjourn the meeting of the Committee on Justice and Public Safety. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

May 13, 2002
Date Approved